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REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 15 to 18 remain in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. No amendments have been made to the specification or the claims.

Reconsideration of the Examiner's decisions and reexamination of this application are respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection should be granted as only claims are cancelled.

Examiner interview:

The Examiner's courtesy in granting an interview with the undersigned on September 20, 2005, is acknowledged. During the interview, the new matter rejection was discussed but no agreement was reached.

Claim rejections:

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 20 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kubota U.S. Patent 5,383,159.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 20, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

Allowable subject matter:

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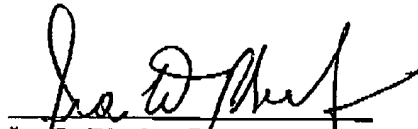
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The Examiner's indication that claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 15 to 18 are allowable is acknowledged. In view of the cancellation of claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 20, claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 15 to 18 are now the only claims pending in the present application.

Summary:

In view of all of the preceding remarks, all of claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 15 to 18 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner finds this application deficient in any respect, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience to resolve such deficiency.

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